

September 29, 2019 Pastor Andy McClellan
Prayer: "Calling on the Name of the LORD"
Genesis 4:25-26

When you pray, remember....

1. Prayer is **ROOTED** in God's "**GOSPEL**" Promise, Gen. 3:15; 4:25-26 (*cf. Gen. 3:9; Exodus 2:23-25; Joel 2:32; Acts 2:20; Romans 10:13*).
2. Prayer is a **REQUEST** for God's **GIVEN** Promises, 4:26 (*cf. Gen. 12:8; 21:33; 24:11-12; 25:21; 26:24; 32:9-12; Ex. 2:23-25*).
3. Prayer is **RELYING** on God's **GOOD** Plan, 4:25-26 (*cf. Gen. 17:18; Deuteronomy 3:23-26; Matt. 6:10; John 14:13; 1 John 5:14-15*).



With your Bibles open, make a list of 10 or more biblical promises that God has made (ex. Psalm 37:4; Matt. 11:28-30; John 8:12, James 1:5).

After you discuss what they mean, lead your family in praying that God would fulfill those promises in your family's life and current circumstances.

For Further Study, Thought, and Discussion:

1. The "Gospel" is the "Good News" that God has graciously promised to restore our relationship with Him, through our faith in Christ. How is prayer both rooted in that Gospel promise, and a continual declaration of faith in that promise (Ex. Psalm 86:1-10)? How should that change our approach to prayer?
2. Read Genesis chs. 3 and 4. Given the promise of 3:15, what may Eve have believed about Cain in 4:1? What was the apparent fate of that promise by 4:16? How is the hope of the promise renewed in 4:25-26? How does that inform our understanding as to why people began at that time to "call upon the name of the LORD?" Note: "Seth" means "appointed"; "Enosh" means "mankind."

3. Individually or in a group, make a list of several prayer requests for both yourself and others. What has God already promised in His Word that He would do in each one of those circumstances? Make sure to consider the context of each promise. Write the relevant Bible verses next to the corresponding request on your list. Pray that God would remember His promises in each case. Use this list in your prayer times throughout the week.
4. Sometimes God makes a promise, but plans to fulfill that promise in a way other than we have imagined. Read Genesis 15:1-6; 16:1-16; 17:15-21. What was the promise made to Abraham? How did Abraham intend to "help" God in fulfilling that promise (ch. 16)? What was Abraham's prayer request in 17:18? What was God's answer and why? How does this story help our faith when we feel like God has not answered our prayers? How is this related to Matthew 6:9-10?

NEXT WEEK:

Prayer: "David Called on the Name of the Lord,"
2 Samuel 7